Employees' Provident Fund Organisation in their meeting held on August 20, 1990. In order to improve upon the features of the proposed scheme as well as its coverage, the Board set up a sub-committee to formulate a new pension Scheme applicable to all employees covered under the EPF & MP Act. The new pension scheme proposed by this sub- committee has been endorsed by the Board who have recommened the same to the Government.

Arrest of Hoarders

2169. SHRI V.S.VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hoarders arrested by the Union Government for hoarding essential commodities during this year, State-wise;

(b) the total amount confiscated from them; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b). The number of persons arrested for violation of provisions of various control orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and value of essential commodities confiscated as a result of raids made during the year 1991, Statewise, as per reports received from the State Governments/UT Administrations upto 30.11.91, are indicated in the Statement below.

(c) Government has been emphasising upon States/ UTs the need for intensification of enforcement operations in the country and has urged them to take firm action against those indulging in hoarding or other malpractices.

STATEMENT

Action taken by States/UTs under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 during the year 1991 (as reported till 30.11.91)

Sl. No.	*State/UT*	*No. of persons arrested*	*Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	839	179.54
2.	Assam	4	—
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
4.	Bihar	73	131.90
5.	Gujarat	28	218.00
6.	Goa	5	2.03
7.	haryana	81	0.09
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2	—
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	112	1.00
10.	Karnataka	525	6.53
11.	Kerala	—	1.58
12.	Madhya Pradesh	66	36.31
13.	Maharashtra	724	114.80

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of persons arrested	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)
14.	Manipur	4	—
15.	Meghalaya	—	—
16.	Mizoram	5	057
17.	Nagaland	—	—
18.	Orissa21	37.55	
19.	Punjab	19	7.28
20.	Rajasthan	7	20.94
21.	Sikkim	11	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	318	130.81
23.	Tripura	16	0.06
24.	Uttar Pradesh	667	823.20
25.	West Bengal	743	242.31
26.	A & N Islands	1	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of persons arrested	Value of goods confiscated (Rs. in lakhs)
28.	D & N Haveli	7	15.2
29.	Delhi	136	2.95
30.	Daman & Diu	—	—
31.	Lakshdweep	—	—
32.	Pondicherry	49	0.12
		4464	1972.86